

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-29 are pending in the application. The Examiner additionally stated that claims 11-15 and 20-26, 28, 29 are rejected, claims 1-10 and 16-19 are allowed, and claim 27 is objected to. By this amendment, claims 13, 20-25 and 27 have been cancelled and claims 11 and 26 have been amended. Hence, claims 1-12, 14-19, 26 and 28-29 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

In the Claims

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for claims 1-10 and 16-19.

With respect to claim 11, the examiner indicated that the claimed invention as a whole is not concrete because it will only be performed if a condition is met. Applicant has amended claim 11 to remove the conditions, and to specify that one of two results will occur. Either the contents of a privileged register will be provided to a user mode instruction, or they will be denied. Applicant respects the Examiner's concern over the condition, but would like the examiner to consider the claim as a whole, including all four steps listed. Applicant submits that in view of the amendment to claim 11, this claim is in condition for allowance.

With respect to claims 12 and 14-15, these depend from claim 11 and thus should be viewed with respect to the allowability of claim 11. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are in condition for allowance.

With respect to claim 13, it has been cancelled.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claim 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Rather than rewriting claim 27, applicant has amended claim 26 to

include the limitation of claim 27, and cancelled claim 27. Thus, claim 26 should now be in condition for allowance.

The examiner indicated that claims 28-29 were rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. However, no specific rejection of these claims has been made by the examiner. Applicant believes that since these claims depend from claim 26, which is allowable, that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the arguments advance above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

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